

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention provides an occlusive system and method of use at a surgical procedure. The occlusive system ~~comprises~~ includes a fastener and an occlusive device in cooperation with the fastener. An embodiment of the invention may further ~~comprise~~ include a fastener tip and a penetration apparatus. ~~According to an embodiment of the present invention, a~~ A method of the invention may relate to reducing the loss of fluid at a surgical site ~~comprises the steps of: by advancing an the~~ occlusive system ~~comprising a fastener having an occlusive device to the surgical site;~~ and deploying the surgical fastener having the occlusive device at the surgical site.

Please amend paragraph [0050] as follows:

[0050] The alternative embodiments of occlusive device 50 shown in Figs. 8A and 8B comprise a solid tapering cylinder with flap segments ~~52-54~~ that may be cut in a longitudinal manner and biased in a first substantially closed position. When penetration apparatus 20 is inserted through occlusive device 50, flap segments ~~52-54~~ may be distracted into a second substantially open position and when penetration apparatus 20 is withdrawn from occlusive device 50, flap segments ~~52-54~~ return to their first substantially closed position. In additional embodiments, occlusive device 50 is disposed within or attached to fastener 30 or into another structure such as, but not limited to, tip 40. Figs. 8B through 8F depict further, non-limiting embodiments of occlusive device 50 with sagittal cuts there through. In particular, Fig. 8B is a straight cone; Fig. 8C is an insloping cone; Fig. 8D is an outsloping cone; Fig. 8E is a hemisphere; and Fig. 8F is an abbreviated hourglass.